

## TWO DEAD, TWO INJURED; TRAIN STRIKES AUTO NEAR ETNA GREEN

Wives of M. R. Brooks, of Lima, O., and C. H. Thoring, of St. Marys, O., Instantly Killed at 8:40 a. m. last Thursday—  
Loose Engine Strikes Car at Deadly Ashcraft Crossing—  
Party Had Been Touring West.

### THE DEAD

Mrs. M. R. Brooks, aged 46, Lima, Ohio, head was torn completely off the body. Body and upper torso horribly mangled. Death was instantaneous.

### THE INJURED

M. R. Brooks, Lima, O., aged 52. Was driving the Speedwell car struck by loose engine. Skull fractured in middle of forehead. Face and head torn and bruised. Scalp torn. Chance for life and death about even, according to attending physician.

### C. H. Thoring, aged 45.

Bruised and hurt. Escaped death by miracle. Did not lose consciousness, and crawled from wreck to witness scene. Rode in front seat with driver.

Two lives were instantly snuffed out at the deadly Ashcraft crossing, one mile west of Etna Green and five miles east of Bourbon Thursday a. m. when a loose engine on the Pennsylvania railroad, running eastward, at the rate of about 35 miles an hour, crashed into an automobile containing the four above named people, who with another party in a car following, were enroute to their homes in Lima and St. Marys, Ohio, after a 7 weeks' tour of the western and central states. The party spent Wednesday night here, at the Ross House Hotel, while the automobiles were left at the Kuhn garage.

The party in the second automobile, which followed a few hundred feet behind the car demolished in the collision was a Cadillac machine, driven by Richard Guiney, a chauffeur from Lima and contained Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Calvin and Mrs. Hallie R. Hoover, all of Lima, O. Misdirected, Take Wrong Road

The Speedwell, a fine new car of the torpedo type, and the property of M. R. Brooks, who was driving, took the lead, as it had done all of the way in the trip to and from the west. The party reached here Wednesday night, coming from Chicago, and spent the night here. The start was made from Plymouth at 7:30 Thursday morning. At the local garage they were directed on the road east through Bourbon, Etna Green and Warsaw. Having reached Bourbon, the first car, inquired of a farmer cutting weeds along the side of the road, the direction to Etna Green. He told them to go east as far as the second road, then to turn to the right. The second road is an unused byroad, which leads to a number of farm houses, up and down a number of hills, and finally at a point one mile west of Etna Green, then opens upon a main road to that village. The party should have taken the third road beyond Bourbon, which is the main route to the little village. The unused road, with the railroad lying between two steep hills, was the track which resulted in the death of Mrs. Brooks and also Mrs. Thoring, who were riding in the tonneau of the Speedwell car. The accident to a reporter of the Plymouth Tribune, at the hotel at Etna Green this morning. "Our party consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Brooks, who owned the car, and my wife and myself. My wife was a sister to Mr. Brooks. After we had been directed to take the second road to the right out of Bourbon, soon after turning, we found ourselves on a rough, hilly road, full of sand, and ruts, and overgrown with weeds and bushes overhanging from both sides. We mistrusted that we were on the wrong road, but continued nevertheless, expecting to soon reach a better main road. We followed this winding semblance of a road for about three quarters of a mile, before we found ourselves upon the rail-

road. The railroad was hardly visible until we were upon it. The high banks on each side of the road, and the fact that the railroad lay between and at the bottom of two hills, made it impossible to see the track. We proceeded down the hill at a moderate speed, which could not be increased because of the poor condition of the road. We found ourselves upon the railroad. Over my right shoulder I saw the loose engine upon us. Every person in the car saw that engine. We saw the engine while we were upon the north track, but knew that we were doomed. Nothing could prevent the collision. Not a cry was uttered. The women who were riding in the tonneau, probably realized their fate, but were too paralyzed to cry out. The next I knew, I was aimlessly crawling from under the wrecked automobile, only to see the dead bodies of my wife and sister-in-law, and Mr. Brooks, whom I supposed also dead. I know that I shall carry that scene with me to my grave. Mrs. Brooks was almost torn to pieces. Her head was torn from her body, and was lying some distance from it. My wife was crushed into a mass of bleeding flesh and blood. The automobile which was struck on the south track, was hurled in a northeasterly direction, across the cattle guard and north track and deposited on its left side on the north side of the north track, a distance of 85 feet. The machine, which was a new car, was a complete wreck being smashed to a twisted mass of steel. The engine which struck the car, at once set off for medical help, but before it returned, the accommodation passenger train arrived, from the east and carried the party, including the dead and injured, back to Etna Green. Here local physicians took the people in charge.

again. A figure crawled painfully from under the car. It was Mr. Thoring, and he was alive. We grew hopeful, perhaps the entire party would live. We rushed over to the horrible scene and beheld the pitiful remains of our friends. Hope sunk, and I cannot describe my feelings, excepting to say that, that tangled mass, with the torn bleeding bodies, is before my eyes, and seems as though will remain there all of my life.

Ship Bodies Tonight.

The remains of Mrs. Brooks and Mrs. Thoring will be shipped to their homes tonight, and will be accompanied by Mr. Thoring. Mr. Brooks will remain at the Etna Green hotel and will be attended by a trained nurse from Ft. Wayne. Both Mr. Thoring and Mr. Brooks are members of the Elks lodge and the Warsaw lodge was notified, and will arrange for Mr. Brooks' care. Mr. Brooks had not regained consciousness this afternoon. The attending physician says he has a chance for life as long as a blood clot does not form on his brain. The members of the second party were about to return to their home on the train, shipping their machine, but finally decided to run the machine home overland. They planned on reaching Lima, O., by night, having only 110 miles to go today.

Had Enjoyed Trip.

The party of eight from Lima and St. Marys, O., were just returning from spending seven weeks on a tour of the west and middle west. They left Colorado Springs, Colo., just one week ago Thursday on the return journey. The two parties were on a pleasure trip. Mr. Brooks had just sold his interest in the Brooks-Sax garage of Lima, to his partner, and Mr. Thoring had recently retired from the confectionary business, in which he had been engaged for many years in St. Marys. Mr. Calvin is a real estate dealer and banker of Lima. Mrs. Hallie Hoover, who completed their party was a friend. Mrs. Thoring, one of the killed women, was a sister to Mr. Brooks, who was injured. The entire party was on a vacation tour. Their trip extended through Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas and Colorado. The two parties separated at Kansas City, Mo., one proceeding into Nebraska and the other into Colorado, where relatives and friends were visited at different cities. The two cars met at Omaha City, Neb., one week ago today, and started for their homes together. The ladies of the second car, said that the entire party had greatly enjoyed the trip, but were glad to see Indiana and Ohio lands looming before them and one had remarked that they would be glad when they got back into "God's country," where the roads were not all stones, and ruts and everything else which was unpleasant.

Crossing Dangerous.

The Ashcraft crossing where the hapless automobile party met such an accident Thursday morning, is a treacherous one. About two months ago a sleek walker, Earl Whitmore by name, was killed by being run down by a Pennsy train. Whitmore lived at Etna Green and was a well known resident. The road over that crossing is seldom used, because of the danger of the crossing, and the extreme poor condition of that road.

Had No Children

Neither of the two women killed have any children. Their other relatives and friends reside at Lima and St. Marys, O., where the bodies will be taken for burial.

Another Tragedy.

Another tragedy was enacted in the little village of Etna Green this morning, when Chas. Slenter, aged 23 years, died while waiting to be taken to a hospital at Ft. Wayne. Slenter resided north of Etna Green and was well known. His wife died six months ago, and a daughter died two months ago. He has a son aged four years to survive. The case is a sad one in the extreme.

Village Awe-Stricken.

The little village was awestricken and people congregated in little groups to discuss the tragedies, which seem to be developing thick and fast in their little community. The automobile accident is the worst that has happened in their vicinity for years.

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## COUNTY LOSES IN READJUSTMENT OF FUNDS

MARSHALL PAYS \$577.66 TO 3 ADJOINING COUNTIES MORE THAN IS RECEIVED.

Decrease in Number of Children Here is Cause—First Adjustments Made in Seven Years.

In the readjustment of funds, held by the Congressional townships, divided by county lines, Marshall county loses \$577.66. The readjustment made this year is the first for seven years, or since 1903. Hereafter it will be made every two years. The total congressional school fund, now held by Marshall county is \$5899.14. Of this amount \$718.55 must be paid by Marshall county as follows: to St. Joseph county \$237.63; to Kosciusko, \$362.18, and to Elkhart \$118.72. However St. Joseph county owes Marshall county \$140.89, making the net loss to Marshall county by readjustment \$577.66. The readjustment is made from seven congressional townships, or those which border on, and extend into the three above named adjoining counties. The total number of school children in the seven townships is 4313, of this number, the number in Marshall county is 1983, in St. Joseph 850, Elkhart 566 and Kosciusko 914. The total congressional fund is \$14,218.43, of which Marshall county's share is \$5391.53. The amount now held in Marshall county is \$5899.19, St. Joseph is the only county which pays Marshall county any amount in the readjustment, the amount being \$140.89.

Old Settlers' Picnic.

Lapaz people are getting ready for the thirteenth annual meeting of old settlers, which brings a big crowd to that village each year. A meeting was held in Burger's hall last Thursday night, committees appointed on arrangements, grounds, program, sports and decorations after deciding to hold the picnic on Saturday, August 27. Several constables were also appointed to serve for the day and see that good order is observed.

The association is in good condition financially, with a balance of more than \$200 in its treasury from last year.

Party to Culver.

A party of young ladies from East Chicago, were the guests of the Misses Holzbauer and Lois Cressner here Saturday, enroute to Culver, where they will spend a week camping at Lake Maxinkuckee. The party was composed of the Misses Mildred Evans, Maybelle Palmer, Belle Donovan and Charlotte Donovan of East Chicago.

Overmyer Withdraws

W. Sherman Overmyer, who was nominated for county assessor by the Republican convention has withdrawn from the ticket and the vacancy will be filled by the county committee. Mr. Overmyer does not abate any of his Republicanism, but he could not see his way clear to make such a canvass as he deemed necessary for success.

Elmer Stevick Here.

Elmer Stevick, manager of the sleek base ball team of Indianapolis, returned to Indianapolis, Wednesday evening after a visit to his mother and other relatives here. The "Silent Team" played at Argos Sunday and were beaten. Elmer thinks, by the umpire rather than the Argos ball players.

Big Picnic Through

Two sections, consisting of twenty coaches, containing the employees of Dodge Manufacturing Co., of Mishawaka, passed through Plymouth Saturday morning, enroute to Winona Lake, where the day was spent picnicking. The trains contained several thousand persons.

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### MORTUARY

Bernard E. Ryder

After a brief illness of only a few days, Bernard E. Ryder died at his apartments in the Richard block at 1:40 Friday afternoon. He had been in poor health for a long time, but was not bedfast until Wednesday morning of this week. Two daughters, Mrs. Jennie Chester, and Mrs. Laura Wolf, both of Elkhart, Ind., are the only living children. Mrs. Wolf is visiting at Boston, Mass., at this time.

Mr. Ryder was about 65 years of age at the time of his death. He has been a resident of Plymouth for over forty years and is known to every resident of this city. For many years he was a shoemaker, from which business he retired and entered the insurance business, in which he was engaged at the time of his death. He was a member of the local Masonic lodge.

George Riddle

George Riddle died at his home in Inwood at 11 o'clock Monday night, aged 74 years. He had been ill for several months, suffering with a cancer. His condition had not been regarded serious until about two weeks ago, from which time he failed rapidly. His wife, Esther and five children and one brother H. Riddle of here survive. The children are Mrs. James Klingerman Plymouth, Washington Riddle, who resides southwest of Argos, Samuel of South Bend, Andrew of Tiosa and Mrs. Wm. Martin, Plymouth. The funeral was held at the Methodist church in Inwood Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock, after which the procession came overland to Plymouth, where interment took place at Oak Hill cemetery.

Infant Williams.

Marjorie, the two year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Freeman W. Williams, died at the home of its parents on West Sycamore street Monday afternoon at four o'clock. The funeral was Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock at the residence, conducted by Rev. Yager. Interment at Oak Hill.

SCHROEDER IS BOUND OVER TO CIRCUIT COURT

JUSTICE OF PEACE HENRY JARRELL OF TYNER FINDS EVIDENCE SUFFICIENT.

Ex-Trustee is Charged With Attempt to Kill His Son Remus—Broke Boy's Arm.

Justice of the Peace Henry Jarrell, Monday, p. m. after hearing the evidence in the case of State of Indiana versus James M. Schroeder, charged with assault and battery with intent to kill his son Remus Schroeder, aged 23, found the evidence sufficient, and bound Schroeder over to the September term of the Marshall Circuit Court. Prosecuting Attorney Harry L. Unger represented the state. Sheriff Daniel Voreis made the affidavit against Schroeder on information. Attorney Herbert E. Hess represented Schroeder. Schroeder while in a fit of angry passion attacked his son with a pitch fork, striking at his head, and breaking his only arm, the other having been taken off in a corn shredder several months before. Schroeder then attacked the son with the forks of the implement and would have probably killed the young man, had he not been stopped by a witness to the affair.

The amount of bond required of James Schroeder, who was Monday held to the circuit court of Marshall county, charged with assault and battery upon the person of his son with attempt to kill, was placed at \$600 by Justice of the Peace, Henry Jarrell.

Eugene Pesch Has Typhoid

Eugene Pesch is ill at his home on west Adams street, with typhoid fever. He has been ill for about a week, with what was supposed to be malarial fever. He grew worse Monday evening his ailment was pronounced typhoid fever. His sister, Miss Matilda Pesch is expected home from Chicago this evening, to assist in nursing her brother.

## SHOW COST OF MAKING ASSESSMENTS

TP. ASSESSORS FILE ESTIMATE OF EXPENSE FOR MAKING CANVASS NEXT YEAR.

Total Expense for Marshall County for 1911 Will be \$4297.50—Center Leads at \$700.00.

The assessors of the ten townships of Marshall county, have filed their estimates for the cost of making the assessments in their townships, next year. The added estimates make a total for the county of \$4297.50. Center township of course leads with a cost of \$700. The estimated cost of the townships, with the names of the township assessors is as follows:

Union township \$387.50, S. E. Wise, assessor; Walnut \$470.00, Richard D. McGriff; West \$332.50, B. F. Moore; Center \$700.00, F. W. Goodyear; Green \$300.00, Linton Quivley; Bourbon \$525.00, Henry Faulkner; Tippecanoe \$330.00, Oratio P. Stuckey; North \$327.50, John W. Hildebrand; Elk \$390.00, G. M. Sprague; German \$485.00, J. B. Snyder.

Approve Road Reports.

The Board of Commissioners, Monday allowed the bills, and audited the bills allowed at the former meeting. The reports of the viewers on the John Grice road petition in German township were each received by the board. Both reports were favoring the construction of the proposed roads.

Award Contracts.

The Board of Commissioners late Tuesday, awarded contracts for asylum supplies, and also for the construction of three concrete arches in the county.

The asylum supplies were let to the following lowest bidders: M. Lauer, boots and shoes \$18.75; Ball and Co., clothing \$54.05; Ball and Co., dry goods \$56.10; H. T. Buck, oils \$86.50; H. E. Buck, hardware \$2.80.

The construction of the Faulkner arch in Bourbon township was given to Wm. Bristol on his bid of \$120 also the Sil arch in Tippecanoe township for \$140. Vanskyhawk and Kitch received the Vinnegar arch in North tp., for \$234. The bids received were as follows: Vanskyhawk and Kitch-Faulkner \$123; Sils \$168; Vinnegar \$234; E. J. Coar-Faulkner \$200; Sils \$225; Henry Harsh-Sils \$225; Wm. Bristol-Faulkner \$120, Sils \$140 and Vinnegar \$240. Harry Harris-Faulkner \$267, Sils \$302 and Vinnegar \$314.

MARRIED

Cook-Truex.

Mr. E. N. Cook of Chicago, Ill., and Miss Effie Truex of Plymouth, Ind., were united in marriage at the Presbyterian parsonage by the pastor Rev. Pflug Saturday afternoon, July 30, 1910. Mr. Cook is a fine young man, formerly of Triumph, Ill., but recently going to Chicago, where he is a member of the Board of Trade.

Mrs. Cook is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ziba Truex, who reside east of Plymouth. She has been a successful teacher in the Earlville Ill. schools, for the past several years, following her teaching in Elkhart county. Mr. and Mrs. Cook left for Chicago Saturday at 1:58 p. m., where they have an elegant home furnished and will be at home to their many friends at 5039 Forestville Avenue, Chicago, Ill. May success and happiness follow them as they go forth in their wedded life.

CHOIR BOYS CAMP.

Rev. Ivins of St. Thomas Church Treuts Lads to Week at Pretty Lake.

The choir boys of St. Thomas Episcopal church are spending a week at Pretty Lake, having opened camp Thursday morning, under the chaperonage of Rev. and Mrs. Ivins. The boys will spend their time in swimming, fishing, and having a good time in general. The boys are Walter Bowell, Donald Baker, Henry Bowell, Russel Strang, Henry Lata, Peetr Mills, Charles and Chester Buck and John Shoemaker, Esq. The latter's position at the Tribune office as general floor manager, is being most ably filled by Hon. Martin (Jake) Ness.

### CLERK AT INQUEST

Probe of Pennsylvania Accident at Etna Green Shows Corporation in a Bad Light.

Warsaw, Ind., Aug. 1.—When Coroner Keyser of Marshall county began the inquest as to the responsibility in the recent accident at Etna Green, in which Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Brooks of Lima O., and Mrs. C. H. Thoring of St. Marys, Ohio were killed when an engine on the Pennsylvania railroad struck their automobile, it was discovered that the coroner's clerk was an employee of the railroad company. One of the members of the automobile party, who escaped injury, became suspicious of the questions that were asked, he started an investigation and revealed the connection between the clerk and the company. He then absolutely refused to testify until another clerk was secured.

It is quite evident that the testimony offered at the inquest, which was running light, did not blow the whistle, it is said. The accident occurred at a deep cut and it is claimed that had the proper warning been given the tragedy might have been averted.

Attended Buffalo Bill Show.

Among those who attended the Buffalo Bill Show at South Bend were: George Jordan, Ed. Raymer and wife, Albertus and Marc Lauer, Maggie Neiswender, C. S. Drake, John Tong, Herman Shilling, James Brown, O. Hand, John McDonald, M. A. Holt, M. Stafford, Milt Sobowa, Warren McFarlin, J. C. Hoover and family, Mrs. Harvey Shafer, Miss Clara Cleveger and sister Verna, Lulu Shafer, Mrs. David Menser, Mr. and Mrs. S. Fairbanks, Mrs. Charles Keber and daughter Bita and Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Stockman.

Has Typhoid Fever.

Aaron Myers, is very low with typhoid fever at the home of his sister, Mrs. Schuyler Rhinehart in west Plymouth. It will be remembered that Myers lost his wife, about a year ago, when she was fatally burned by the explosion of a gasoline stove.

MOTHER AND DAUGHTER ARE MADE BRIDES

DOUBLE WEDDING PERFORMED BY LOCAL JUSTICE UNITE TEEGARDEN PEOPLE.

Mrs. Mary Teeple and Daughter Miss Ida Teeple Each Take a Husband to Themselves.

A double wedding occurred in Plymouth Friday, a. m., which was rather out of the usual because of the relationship of the parties involved. Mrs. Mary Teeple and her daughter Ida M. Teeple, became the wives of Charles Davis and Charles W. Dare, respectively. The peculiarity of the double wedding was the fact that the mother and daughter were married at the same time. Justice of the peace B. M. Seybold performed the ceremony. All of the parties live near Teegarden. Mrs. Dare who was Miss Teeple's 16 years of age, while her mother is 38. The young lady's father was killed at his home near Teegarden a couple of years ago, when he was struck by his brother-in-law Wm. Ballinger. Plymouth people will remember reading an account of the affair at the time. Teeple threatened Ballinger with a shovel, when the latter struck him on the jaw. The coroner pronounced death to be caused by heart disease.

Another License

A marriage license was also issued for Clem H. Ewald, Bremen 21, to marry Minnie E. Bondurant, Bremen 20.

Vacation at Culver.

Frank Holly and Raul Personette went to Culver Tuesday, to spend a two weeks' vacation at the Red Cottage. The boys contemplate enjoying plenty of fishing and swimming.

Commissioners in Session.

The August session of the Marshall County Board of Commissioners was begun in the Commissioners' room at the Court House Monday. Alonzo Walker has a new Harley-Davidson motorcycle, having sold his mount to Harold Hahn.

Occupy the Teepe.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Toan and Mr. and Mrs. K. F. Brooke and son went to Culver Tuesday a. m., where they spent the month of August in the Teepe cottage, at the south end of the lake. With Mr. and Mrs. Daniel McDonald as neighbors in the Wagon, the party will no doubt greatly enjoy their outing.

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## MANY BRIDGES ASKED FOR BY TRUSTEES

COMMISSIONERS ARE IN FAVOR OF REPLACING BROWNLEE STRUCTURE HERE

Will Ask County Council to Appropriate Necessary Amount—Townships Are High in Their Requests.

The Marshall County Board of Commissioners, will ask the County Council to appropriate a sufficient sum to construct a steel bridge over Yellow river in Plymouth, to replace the old condemned Brownlee bridge. The city has long been without the use of this old wooden structure which has been closed to public traffic. A short time ago the city council petitioned the county commissioners to ask for an appropriation for a steel bridge to replace the old one. Tuesday the board voted in favor of asking for the appropriation. The board is of the opinion that if the interurban line crosses the Michigan street bridge in Plymouth that the present bridge will have to be replaced. It is their opinion to move the present Michigan street bridge to the Brownlee crossing and replace the Michigan street bridge with a concrete bridge of the entire width of Michigan street, of sufficient strength to accommodate the passage of street cars.

Trustees' Report.

The reports of the various township trustees, asking for bridges in their respective townships, have been received by the board. A great amount of weeding out will be required, as the requests are all considered above reason. Polk township alone, asks for eighteen bridges, which would cost the county many thousands of dollars. Polk township asks for the bridges to span Pine Creek, and its tributaries.

Awakens Memories.

The annual reunion of the McDonald, Dickson, Logan, Voreis and Thompson families in Marshall county for 1910 was held on July 24, at the residence of Marshall Logan, near Harris Station. About 125 members of the five families assembled. The address was by Hon. Daniel McDonald, who took for his theme "Those Who Have Passed to the Beyond." Such family gatherings are full of interest. The cordial greetings, the renewed acquaintanceships, the widening circle by birth or marriage, on the one hand, make them joyous occasions; while on the other hand, the vacant places, the absent faces and the memory of voices that since the last meeting, have been forever silenced bring a tinge of sadness. Mr. McDonald's theme was therefore most fitting. It is proper that amid the greetings of the living, there be memory of the dead—and doubtless among those gathered on this occasion, there were hearts still yearning. For the touch of a vanished hand and the sound of a voice that is still.—South Bend Times.

Entertains for Friends.

Miss Elizabeth Carver entertained a crowd of her girl friends, at her home on north Jefferson street Friday night in honor of her cousin Miss Marie Lineman of Logansport, who has been spending a few days here. The feature of the evening was the dressing of peanut dolls, at which Miss Myrtle Conner drew first prize and Miss Eva Wickizer, second prize. The evening was spent in music and games. The guests were the Misses Gladys Monroe, Alma Moore of Tyner, Neva Ellis, Vera Suseland, Myrtle Conner of Clayland, Alberta Reeves, Catherine Foltz, Marie Leonard and Miss Eva Wickizer of South Bend.

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